The 21st Century Communities Housing Assessment

The questions included in this assessment are designed to help you look more closely at issues regarding affordable housing in your community as you enter the 21st Century. We encourage you to visit Project Rosie for additional information regarding affordable housing.

The questions included in this assessment are based on information available in the Utah Affordable Housing Manual. If you have questions about affordable housing which are not answered here or recommendations for this assessment, feel free to contact us by email at rwalker@dced.state.ut.us

Name of Community	Local Contact Person	FAX Number
<u>Located In</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Association of Governments		

Part 1: A 21st Century Community assesses its need for affordable housing.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 st Plan
Are you aware of the "Affordable Housing Needs Estimating Model", a computerized spreadsheet available from the Utah Department of Community and Economic Development which will help you predict current and future affordable housing demand in your community? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> Chapter 2, pp. 1-10)			
Are you aware of the housing information available through your association of governments?			
Are you aware of the information available through the Census Housing Survey?			

Part 2: A 21st Century Community understands and selectively uses the special tools and techniques which are available to help create and preserve affordable housing.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 st Plan
Are you aware of ways to reduce the negative impacts which regulatory measures such as impact fees, building codes and regulations, large lot requirements and environmental regulations can have on the development of affordable housing in your community? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 2, pp. 1-6)			
Are you aware of strategies to address citizen opposition to affordable housing your community? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 7-10)			
Are you aware of how the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Housing Amendment Act and the Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines impact housing in your community and your responsibilities as a community leader? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 10-11)			
Are you aware of how the Community Reinvestment Act can encourage financial institutions to be more responsive to the need for housing loans in your community?			
Are you aware of how to structure your zoning ordinances in a manner that encourages affordable housing through innovations such as density bonuses, accessary dwelling units, infill and adaptive reuse, mixed uses, planned unit developments, cluster subdivisions and zero lot line development? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 15-20, 35-44)			
Do your community zoning ordinances encourage the location of manufactured and modular, panelized homes? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp.21-23)			

Are you aware of how the transfer of development rights, fee waivers and impact fee exemptions can encourage affordable housing in your community? (Utah Affordable Housing Manual, Chapter 3, pp. 24-25)		
Are you aware of how deed restrictions can encourage affordable housing? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 26-27)		
Are you aware of strategies to preserve and rehabilitate your existing housing supply (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 28-29)		
Have you considered contacting the Utah Housing Technical Assistance Program (801-268-2363) or the Housing Trust Fund Project (310-833-4249) for information regarding how to establish a local housing trust fund? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 3, pp. 32-34)		

Part 3: A 21st Century Community uses housing finance tools to capitalize local affordable housing.

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Are you aware of the wide variety of ways your community can establish or support entities which can capitalize local housing projects? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 4, pp. 2-5)			
Are the banks serving your community approved FHA, VA, USDA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac lenders? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 4, pp. 3)			
Has your community considered establishing a Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of developing affordable housing? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 4, p. 4)			
Is your community served by a Public or Indian Housing Authority? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 4, pp. 4)			
Are you aware of the role a community land trust can play in providing land for affordable housing?			
Are you aware of the government finance and tax credit programs available through the Utah Department of Community and Economic Development, the Utah Housing Finance Agency, USDA Rural Development, Federal Home Loan Bank, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Utah State Historical Society? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 4, pp. 5-19)			

Part 4: A 21st Century Community learns how to address local housing needs through the experience of others.

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Are you aware of the housing case studies available in the <i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> ? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 5, pp. 1-6)			

Part 5: A 21 Century Community establishes and implements a well defined Housing Plan.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 st Plan
Are you aware of the provisions of House Bill 295 which requires that each community establish a written plan addressing affordable housing?			
Are you aware of the guidance available in the Utah Affordable Housing Manual regarding how to create a local housing plan? (<i>Utah Affordable Housing Manual</i> , Chapter 6, pp. 1-18)			